

C800-C870

1912 Dates J-BK

"KRIST" the first German rhymed
verse, based on the Gospels,
of 15,000 verses
by OTFRIED (C800-C870)

c 870 1912 Dates J-BKil 875

England

Philosophical works

by JOHN SCOTUS

(or ERIGENA) (died about 875)

870

1412 Dates J-BK

Constantine I King of the SCOTS
made drunkenness an
offense punishable by death

870

Kingdom of west Franks
became France

and Kingdom of East Franks
became Germany

After Treaty of Meerssen
in 870

870 AD

A horseman by the name of
~~GEN~~ OHTHERE or OTTAR rounded
the North Cape, Scandinavia's northern-
most point, and sailed east into what
is now called the Barents Sea, followed
the coastal line of the Kola Peninsula
and discovered the White Sea, which
he entered

AD. 870

The first major crisis in history of English language came with the Danish invasions at about AD. 870. The Danes were members of the same Teutonic stock as the Anglo-Saxons, but of the Northern or Scandinavian branch. Their language, while close, was different. When King Alfred, tired of fighting and raids, offered them appeasement by granting them permission to settle in the northeastern areas of England, they accepted & intermingled with the local

Anglo Saxon. Result: several West Germanic
Anglo-Saxon words were replaced by North Germanic
Scandinavian equivalents. Thus, the pronouns
they, them replaced Anglo-Saxon he, hem;
verbs such as take, cut, get replaced nemian, snidan,
weorðan; nouns such as knife, leg, steak,
sister; and adjectives such as ill, ugly, happy,
low. The verb-form are is Scandinavian.

In many cases both Anglo-Saxon & Danish words
have come down to us (no-may; from-fro;
skit-skut; ditch-dike; welkin-sky).

Iceland was settled by democratic
farmers from southwestern Norway.
They were learned men escaping
from royal authority, and they
preserved the oral tales of the sagas
which were written down
in the 13th century.

870

Lorraine is divided between
France and Germany by
Treaty of MENSEN.